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Indiana September 1 Crop Forecast

Despite some drying of saturated fields and some greening of yellowed corn, Indiana crop yields are expected to stay well below last year's records. "The warmer and drier weather in August has helped to improve crop conditions, but the lingering effects of the heavy rains earlier this summer are still very apparent", according to Greg Matli, State Statistician for the USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office. Some highlights of the Crop Production Report are as follows:

- Indiana's average corn yield is forecast at 156 bushels per acre, down 32 bushels from 2014 and down 2 bushels from the August forecast. Total production is forecast at 856 million bushels, down 21 percent from a year ago.
- Soybean yield in Indiana is forecast at 50 bushels per acre, down 6 bushels from last year's record yield, but up 1 bushel from last month. Total production is forecast at 285 million bushels, down 7 percent from last year.
- Nationally, corn production is forecast at 13.6 billion bushels, down 4 percent from last year's record production and down less than 1 percent from the August forecast. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 167.5 bushels per acre, down 1.3 bushels from the August forecast and 3.5 bushels from 2014 average. If realized, this will be the second highest yield and third largest production on record for the United States. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 81.1 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but down 2 percent from 2014.
- U.S. soybean production is forecast at 3.94 billion bushels, up slightly from August but down 1 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 47.1 bushels per acre, up 0.2 bushels from last month but down 0.7 bushels from last year. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at a record 83.5 million acres, unchanged from August but up less than 1 percent from last year.

Crop Summary, Indiana and United States: 2013-2015

Commodity	Indiana			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Corn, all						
Planted1,000 acres	6,000	5,900	5,700	95,365	90,597	88,897
Corn, grain						
Harvested1,000 acres	5,830	5,770	5,490	87,451	83,136	81,101
Yield Bushels	177.0	188.0	156.0	158.1	171.0	167.5
Production1,000 bu	1,031,910	1,084,760	856,440	13,828,964	14,215,532	13,584,945
Soybeans						
Planted1,000 acres	5,200	5,500	5,700	76,840	83,701	84,339
Harvested1,000 acres	5,190	5,490	5,690	76,253	83,061	83,549
Yield Bushels	51.5	56.0	50.0	44.0	47.8	47.1
Production1,000 bu	267,285	307,440	284,500	3,357,984	3,968,823	3,935,277

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